

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *On the CounterSpy Story*

Your article on the departure of some staff members from this organization, which appeared in the July 8 Post, contains two inaccuracies on which we feel we must comment. The first is that the offices of CounterSpy have closed. This is not true; the offices of another organization with which some of the people who work on CounterSpy were associated has indeed closed; that was the office of the people who left CounterSpy. CounterSpy is continuing, and persons may reach our new office at (202) 232-8091.

Secondly, your article states that CounterSpy is "funded" by Fifth Estate, which is "a tax-exempt organization." Before either we or the IRS are deluged with calls, your readers should know that neither statement is true. CounterSpy is a publication of Fifth Estate, which is simply a small, unincorporated group of individuals. Fifth Estate is not, and never has been, tax exempt. CounterSpy is "funded" by receipts from subscribers and distributors. In our next issue we expect to have limited paid advertisements, which will be another source of funds. We believe that both inaccuracies could be detrimental to our relationship to our reading public, and trust you will publish this letter.

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